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Labor Startled As Lincoln Sends AFL Bill To Death

REPORT

To Our Readers - Owners

BIBLES AND NEWSPAPERS

Karl Barth, the Swiss theologian with a world reputation, was quoted by a Presbyterian divine in Chicago the other day as having said that "Christians should read their daily paper as diligently as they do their Bibles."

Dr. Robert Worth Frank, the Presbyterian who quoted the eminent Swiss theologian, explains that Barth "seeks to bring the long-range biblical perspective to bear upon a close scrutiny and a penetrating understanding of the times."

Those are two things that take time and patience, first to acquire and then to unite: a) "Long-range biblical perspective"; b) "a close scrutiny and penetrating understanding of the times."

THE SNIPPETRY INDUSTRY

For both in Bible-reading and in newspaper-reading it is easy to pick up bits and snippets without getting any long-range perspective or penetrating understanding.

In times gone by, when the reading public was small, and the masses of men and women were largely illiterate, a considerable part of the reading public had read the entire Bible through, not once but many times; and similarly had read with great care newspapers and books of history which were intended, not for snippet-snapping but for systematic and devoted perusal.

Now that we working people have learned to read and are doing better a vast industry of snippeting both in popular religion and the popular press has arisen to satisfy our appetites for a little information, a bit of inspiration, much entertainment, and a great deal of down-right nonsense.

BEGINNING OF WISDOM

Until we working people learn to realize how cynical the snippetry business is, how it thinks we're suckers and plays us for such, we don't advance much toward either long-range perspective or a penetrating understanding of the times.

One of the great biblical maxims is that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." To this might be added today the statement that fear of the snippeting industry which would have us never know anything thoroughly, never feel anything deeply, is another preliminary to the beginning of wisdom.

62 BILLS ON LABOR GET HEARINGS THIS WEEK

Sixty-two bills affecting labor will be given hearings next week before committees of the Legislature.

The bills and hearing dates are listed, some of them GOOD, by State Federation of Labor Secretary C. J. Haggerty, in the State Fed Newsletter of April 1. All East Bay officers of local unions are urged to consult the Fed Newsletter.

Area Food Prices

San Francisco food prices continued to rise from their low December levels and by the middle of February had exceeded their January average by 0.6 percent, according to Max D. Kossoris, Western Regional Director of the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. The food index of 113.0 nevertheless remained 0.4 percent below the comparable level of February of last year.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

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LABOR COMES THROUGH FOR BARNEY—Smiling, plucky Barney Holder Sr., the popular veteran trustee for Carpenters Local 36, is shown above accepting a check for \$3,000 from John Walsh, Local 36 president. Holder, who is on the road to recovery from serious injuries sustained in an auto accident last year, accepted the check at a special benefit sponsored by his union last Friday. The money, which represents the sum contributed by unions and individuals in the Bay Area, will go to help defray the many expenses incurred by Holder during his long stay in the hospital. Shown with Holder are some of the officers and members of Local 36 who worked hard on the fund drive. They are (left to right): C. R. Bartolini, secretary of the Bay District Council of Carpenters; C. E. Risley, George Collins, Oscar Anderson, Roy W. Smith, E. M. Crow, John Clapp, and Walsh.

Welcome Barney Holder Home At Stirring Carpenter Benefit

They rolled out the plush "welcome home" carpet for Barney Holder, Sr. last Friday night in the large meeting chamber of Carpenters' Hall on 12th Street in Oakland.

The symbolic carpet was laid down by some 300 members of Carpenters 36—with an assist by their wives—in a stirring tribute to their plucky union trustee who made a tremendous gritty comeback from the edge of the grave.

AFL members here will recall that terrible October night last year when Holder was run down by a stolen car driven by 2 drunken joy-riding, teen-age girls. The accident resulted in Holder's suffering an amputated left leg, a fractured right leg and extensive internal injuries. It was a combination of medical science, blood donations from his host of friends and a large dose of personal pluck that helped Holder pull through. And despite a prevalent belief that he would be laid up in the hospital for 18 months, Holder was out of the hospital and home within 6 months.

He indicated his chipper spirits at the Carpenters' Hall last Friday evening as he toiled his wheelchair down the center aisle flanked by standing and cheering friends.

GAY NINETIES SHOW

In honor of their veteran union trustee, Local 36 put on a special 2-hour "Gay Nineties Show" featuring 19 acts produced by Norma Benedict and assisted by Evelyn Zurfluh and Peggie Holder. Verne Martelle, billed as "The Fashion Plate of Vaudeville," gave a terrific performance as master of ceremonies between the acts.

One of the acts, which featured an instrumental quartet composed of Holder's grandchildren, was enthusiastically received by the audience.

\$3,000 FOR HOLDER

Topping the agenda of the special benefit affair was the presentation to Holder of a check for \$3,000, the sum raised through contributions from unions and individuals in the Bay Area. The presentation was made by John J. Walsh, Local 36 president.

Those instrumental in the successful fund drive for Holder were the officers and members of Local 36's Welfare Committee which is composed of John Clapp, chairman; Roy W. Smith, secretary; and Oscar Anderson, M. B. Cameron, George Collins, V. V. Dart and C. E. Risley.

In addition, Holder was presented with a check for \$250 from the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan by Lew C. G. Blix, labor liaison representative for the Kaiser Plan.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Another highlight of the evening was the announcement of

4 special awards which went to the following unionists:

Frank Woodman of Carpenters 36 received Holder's carpenter's tools; Howard Medert of Local 36 who received a \$25 merchandise order which he handed back to Holder; and Charles Burnett of Local 36 and Bob Case of Auto Salesmen 1095 who each received \$10.

During a short break in the exciting evening, C. R. Bartolini, acting as master of ceremonies, broke in to read a touching poem dedicated to Holder and written by Mary Foudy, office secretary of S. F. Iron Workers 377.

Miss Foudy wrote:

"Some people just don't get the breaks
or so it seems
But have you noticed how it takes
a guy with guts to smile when left with only dreams."

Barney Holder is the kind who'll take the blows
that come his way and smile
and all the while his troubles never show
he'll never let you know his tribulations are a trial

He bears his cross so lightly and so well
an inspiration to us all
If he can grin and bear it and never tell
the anguish, my own problems pall.

With such example how can I complain
and moan about my luck and sigh

Let's drink a toast to Barney
and sing that old refrain:
'For he's a jolly good fellow
which nobody can deny.'

And nobody present did deny it. As a matter of fact, as Bartolini concluded the poem the audience spontaneously burst into 3 rousing choruses of "For he's a jolly good fellow."

BUFFET SUPPER
After the affair was over, everyone in attendance was invited to partake of food and refreshments at a buffet supper prepared by Carpenters Ladies Auxiliary, Local 160, headed by President Tress Flanigan. Mrs. Flanigan was assisted by Mesdames Aline Haake, Bea Cameron, Julia Sjoborg and Josephine Wheeler.

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BTC Takes Note of Maneuver Harming Compensation Bill

Building Trades Council hopes for quick passage of Assembly Bill 510 was dealt a severe blow this week when the measure was maneuvered off the floor of the State Assembly and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

AB 510 seeks to raise workmen's compensation from the present \$35 to \$50 per week.

Only last week council delegates felt confident of the bill's passage after it had cleared the Finance and Insurance Committee of the Assembly.

The latest action by the Assembly to re-refer the measure to committee has led to fear among BTC delegates that AB 510 may now be pigeonholed or amended to death.

Carlos Bee, Assemblyman from the 13th District, wrote to advise the council that he will continue to support the bill when it comes before the Ways and Means Committee of which he is a member.

CONTRACTORS NOTIFIED

The BTC is notifying the 3 general contractors' associations in this area that the council insists that all water and gas service installations on new tracts

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New Registration Places Announced

Alameda County Clerk Jack Blue announced this week the setting up of permanent registration places in various firehouses in the southern end of the county. He also reported that he is now in the process of establishing similar permanent registration places in Berkeley, Oakland and Piedmont.

According to Blue, organized labor is being consulted in the matter of selecting convenient registration sites.

Blue said that the setup of permanent registration places in the southern end of the county already arranged for is as follows:

Hayward Fire District—Firehouse, 678 Castro: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Hayward Fire District—Firehouse, 2640 Harder road: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Ashland Fire District—Firehouse, 395 West 152nd avenue, San Lorenzo: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Ashland Fire District—1440 164th avenue, San Leandro: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

In addition, arrangements have been made for registering at any city hall in any of the towns of the southern end of the county except Pleasanton.

Berkeley Vote Is Center Of Labor's Drive

Labor's political attention was concentrated this week especially on the Berkeley election of April 5, although campaigning was vigorous for the AFL-endorsed candidates in the Oakland primary election two weeks later.

At the meeting of the Central Labor Council Monday delegate after delegate arose and reported contributions made by the local unions for the campaign to elect Jeffery Cohelan, Milk Drivers & Dairy Employees 302, to the Berkeley City Council.

Mention was made also of the drive to reelect Mayor Laurence Cross of Berkeley, and the other candidates listed in the adjoining column on this page.

Stress was laid upon the hope that every member of an AFL union qualified to vote in Berkeley would do so on April 5.

OAKLAND ELECTION

John F. Quinn, president of the Central Labor Council, candidate for the Oakland City Council, was asked from the floor how his campaign was going.

"Lots of work!" was his concise reply.

When asked to elaborate he said that he was going to three or four meetings a day, "and if you never tried to keep up with my campaign manager, Jimmie Murphy, you don't quite realize how much effort that takes."

Murphy arose in the back of the room and told the delegates that "the campaign is won in the last two weeks, and that time's near, so there mustn't be any letup till the last day."

Various delegates reported the part their unions were taking in the drive to elect Quinn. It was stated that one advantage Quinn seems to have is the general unpopularity of Howard Rilea, the incumbent against whom Quinn is running.

THE PROPOSITIONS

Robert S. Ash as secretary of the Voters League of Alameda County - AFL announced this week the action taken by the League's executive committee on the nine propositions to be submitted to the voters of Oakland in the April 19 election.

The League at its last convention, when Oakland candidates were recommended after careful screening by the executive committee, referred to the executive committee the study of the propositions, with full power to act.

Only two of the 9 propositions were recommended. The recommendations will be found in the adjoining column on this page, underneath the list of recommended candidates.

Adult School

Castlemont Adult School, 8601 MacArthur Boulevard, classes are now in session, but registrations are still being taken in Academic, Business, Arts & Crafts, Dressmaking, High School Subjects, and Shop classes. There are also classes in English for the Foreign Born, and Elementary School Subjects.

'FAIR TRADE' LAWS ARE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR DISCOUNT HOUSES

During the discussion of discount houses in the Central Labor Council reported in the March 25 issue of East Bay Labor Journal one speaker raised the question of the connection between the "fair trade" law and the rise of the discount houses.

This question is now being raised all over the country.

The Federal "fair trade" law now in effect is the Maguire Act passed in 1952 after the U. S. Supreme Court had thrown out as unconstitutional an act passed in the 1930's when it was felt that unscrupulous price-cutters were driving reputable merchants to the wall and some protection was needed.

The present law was adopted to take the place of the one the court threw out, and makes substantially the same concessions to price-fixing policies.

Under this law, a manufacturer can set 39 cents, say, as the lowest price any store in his

Berkeley Voters! Take This To the Polls On Tuesday!

AFL RECOMMENDATIONS, MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Following are the recommendations of candidates in the Berkeley general election April 5 and the Oakland primary election April 19, made by the Alameda County Voters League-AFL in convention assembled:

Berkeley General Election April 5

MAYOR

LAURANCE CROSS

CITY COUNCIL

JEFFERY COHELAN

ARTHUR HARRIS

LIONEL WILSON

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

SUSAN SELVIN (6-year term)

RALPH A. RHODA (4-year term)

COLETTE O'DEA (2-year term)

Oakland Primary Election April 19

CITY COUNCIL

DR. GROVER H. MACLEOD (Dist. 1)

JOHN F. QUINN (Dist. 3)

JOHN W. HOLMDAHL (Dist. 7)

Note: No Recommendations, Dist. 5 and At Large

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

REV. L. SYLVESTER ODOM (Dir. No. 1)

JOHN J. KING (Dir. No. 2)

RICHARD L. GRODIN (Dir. No. 4)

DAVID S. TUCKER (Dir. No. 5)

Note: Directorship No. 3 left open for further consideration

PROPOSITIONS

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| No. 1—Permits Council to extend contracts' completion time | NO |
| No. 2—Eliminates one-year Oakland residence requirement for contract workers | NO |
| No. 3—Changes payment procedure on contracts | NO |
| No. 4—Simplifies purchasing procedure | YES |
| No. 5—Eliminates publishing ordinances in book form | NO |
| Note: There is no No. 6 on the ballot. | |
| No. 7—Permits official city body member to transact business as private citizen with other official city bodies | NO |
| No. 8—Creates Deputy Police Chief exempt from Civil Service | YES |
| No. 9—Authorizes additional ranks in Police Department | NO |
| No. 10—Eventually abolishes Captain of Inspectors and Inspectors | NO |

'At Capwell's Ask for Union Clerk; If None, Go Elsewhere'

The Capwell Employees Organizing Committee of Department & Specialty Store Employees Local 1265 on Thursday of this week handed out to workers in the big Capwell department store leaflets notifying them of the organization drive being made there.

The next day, Friday, cards were handed to the shopping public carrying these words: "When you shop at H. C. Capwell Co. ask for a union clerk. When you ask for a union clerk, you put your influence behind fair wages and good working conditions. It's your vote for a better standard of living for all of us. CAPWELL EMPLOYEES ORGANIZING COMMITTEE. Department & Specialty Store Employees Union, Local 1265, AFL."

The leaflet handed Thursday to the Capwell employees has

the above message printed at the top, and says:

"We'll be seeing you! "Thousands upon thousands of cards—bearing the message you see printed above—will be distributed in Oakland this week and in the weeks ahead. Wherever Union members gather—and there are many thousands in this area—they will be greeted by these cards. And the same message will be published weekly in labor's own publications.

"It's an important message for you, too. For the purchasing power of union wages and union jobs represents many millions of dollars. Union purchasing power is one more way by which unions are able to provide greater job security and greater job benefits.

"If you are a sales employee, it will be to your advantage, too, to be able to say 'I am a Union member.'"

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State may charge for a package of his toothpaste.

In order to line up other States, all the manufacturer has to do is to sign a "fair trade" contract with one retailer in a State; this holds all other stores in the State legally responsible for setting store price minimums set in that one contract with one store, even when there are no other contracts or signers.

This is the "non signer" clause against which many protests have been made.

Whether "fair trade" can last much longer in the present condition of the economy is a question being raised among both manufacturers and retailers from coast to coast.

An article on the financial page of the New York Times of March 17 said:

"More and more business men are convinced that stores should be able to charge customers whatever prices they please. The U. S. Chamber of Commerce, the

National Retail Dry Goods Association, and the American Retail Federation are believed to be on the verge of entering the anti-'Fair Trade' camp.

"The growth of the discount house in recent years has changed the mind of many a merchant about 'fair trade.' Storekeepers that abide by the law watch business slip away to rivals around the corner who cut prices that have been set by the manufacturers. In many cases the price maintainers observe manufacturers continuing to supply goods to the price-cutters openly as well as surreptitiously."

In the East Bay the regular merchants who are held to the responsibility of charging "fair trade" prices contend, as do some of the labor people who have investigated the claims of the discount houses, that actually the discount houses fail to produce real bargains, that many of their alleged discounts

Did Speaker Dread a 'Pro Labor Tab'?

Letters from three Alameda county Assemblymen were read to the Central Labor Council this week by Secretary Robert S. Ash on the measure officially known as AB-510, backed by the State Federation of Labor, and now on a rusty sidetrack.

AB-510, introduced by Assemblyman Thomas A. Maloney of San Francisco, would raise the minimum weekly workmen's compensation benefit for both permanent and temporary disability from \$9.95 to \$18; and the maximum benefit from \$30 in cases of permanent disability and \$35 in temporary disability, to \$50 for both categories.

The bill is thus of great importance to labor, and is one of the big items on the legislative program of the State Federation. So there was great rejoicing when AB-510 was approved by the Assembly Finance and Insurance Committee by a voice vote, and was promptly sent on March 21 to the Assembly for a vote on the floor.

LINCOLN MOVES IN

But then something happened. The San Francisco Chronicle in its March 24 issue reported that happening as follows:

"Speaker Luther H. Lincoln, Rep., Oakland, ruled it (AB-510) must be considered by the Ways and Means Committee before it can be voted upon by the Assembly. . . . The bill's author, Assemblyman Thomas A. Maloney, Rep., San Francisco, said the procedure was unusual, as he has never known such a measure to be classed as an appropriation, which Ways and Means study."

This was especially interesting to labor, as in January, when the desperate fight for the Speakership was raging between Lincoln and Assemblyman H. Allen Smith of Glendale, it was reported all over the State that it was solely through the backing of Secretary C. J. Haggerty of the State Federation that Lincoln finally won the Speakership. Yet here was Lincoln, on the first big labor measure, following what Maloney claimed was an unusual procedure in order to defer a vote on the measure and turning it over to the Ways and Means Committee, where labor can count at the most only on about 8 votes of the 28 on the committee.

DICKEY WRITES

CLC Secretary Ash wired to Assemblymen on the matter, and one of the letters read out Monday night to the CLC delegates was from Assemblyman Randal F. Dickey of the 14th District.

"The Assembly moved to refer this bill to the Ways & Means Committee. To the best of my knowledge this is the first time that has ever been done with legislation of this type. I, personally, do not agree with the action in the Legislature."

Dickey added that, "however, in talking to a number up here I find they do not feel it will

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make much difference except in the delay incurred."

CALDECOTT LETTER

That the "delay incurred" may be quite extensive, however, was made plain by Assemblyman Thomas W. Caldecott of Berkeley, chairman of the Ways & Means Committee which now has the fate of the bill in its hands, for in his letter to Ash Caldecott wrote:

"The measure cannot be heard until after the committee has completed its hearings on the budget, which will be some time in May."

The Legislature closes on June 8, so if the Ways & Means Committee should defer until late in May its hearing on AB-510 it might well get lost in the hurly-burly of the closing days of the session.

Caldecott made it pretty plain in his letter, too, that he is against the measure, for he remarked that the State Government "is one of the largest employers in the State, and of course we cover our own employees with Workmen's Compensation. AB-510 would increase the cost to the State for Workmen's Compensation coverage by approximately \$250,000 a year, and in accordance with the rules of the Assembly, has been re-referred to the Committee on Ways & Means."

BEE WRITES

Assemblyman Carlos Bee of Hayward is a member of the Ways & Means Committee who favors AB-510. He said in his letter to Ash:

"Please inform the members of your union that this bill was maneuvered off the floor of the Assembly and was referred to the Ways & Means Committee. This, of course, was quite a blow to those of us who are willing to support this measure."

Bee went on to say that "the rumor is that the bill will be amended to read '40' rather than '50', and you know as well as I do that when we get the bill on the Senate side it may be amended even further."

The feeling now is in labor circles that the bill in its present form has the same chance of getting through the Ways & Means that an arctic hare has of getting across the Sahara desert during a heat wave.

PRO-LABOR TAB

The Knowland Knave in the Sunday Tribune pointed out that Assemblyman Harold K. Levering, the bitterest anti-labor man in the lower chamber, was on the Assembly Finance & Insurance Committee which approved AB-510 by a voice vote. Opined the Knave:

"Since the bill in present form would meet certain death in the Senate, the idea was to try to hang a pro-labor tab on Lincoln and the majority of the Assembly who elected him Speaker. Thus it was purely and simply a continuance of the bitter January battle in which the Oakland Assemblyman won over Assemblyman H. Allen Smith of Glendale for the presiding officer's post."

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Knowland & Allen With Ike for Low Postal Pay Boost

Senator Knowland and President Eisenhower, for once, stood together on an issue when they tried to stop the Senate from granting 500,000 postal workers a 10% pay increase, and later the same increase to 1,000,000 other Government workers.

The vote was taken March 25, and the measure went whooping through by 172 to 21.

Senator Knowland made a last ditch stand against the measure, which was officially known as S-1, the first bill filed in the Senate at this session.

Knowland, speaking as the official leader of the Republican minority in the upper chamber, said that if the bill passed, it would be merely an "empty gesture that will not become law," as he felt sure that President Eisenhower would veto it. The President vetoed a pay raise for postal workers last year.

The bill passed by the Senate would give at least a 10 percent increase to each worker, but means more for those receiving less than \$4000 a year, since it has a \$400 floor. The GOP Administration bill gives much less to the lower paid workers, and concentrates its generosity on those in the upper brackets.

After the bill passed the Senate, it went over to the House, where earlier the Administration bill had received a bad setback and gone back to committee. Congressman John J. Allen, Republican, Piedmont, who views the postal workers have been trying to smoke out for some time, had the following to say in his March 28 letter to constituents on the fate of the Administration bill in the House:

"Under suspension of the rules we took up a bill to provide an increase in the pay of postal workers and to reclassify positions and salaries in connection with them. No employee would receive less than his present salary plus a minimum 6% increase. The House voted against suspension by a vote of 120 to 302. I voted for the bill. I believe that postal workers should receive increased compensation and that the bill before us was the best the President would approve. Meanwhile the Senate passed a bill for a 10% increase."

This, postal employees noted, was the general line of Republicans who voted for the Administration bill: they claim they have to vote for it on the ground that it's what Eisenhower wants, although in the case of Knowland and others they may repeatedly have gone against the President on other major issues.

Senator Kuchel in this case failed to follow Knowland's lead, and voted for the 10% increase.

The House will now have to reconsider the issue, since it has come back in the non-Administration form from the Senate.

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Women in This World

By EDITH MCCONN

WHY ARE CHILDREN OF AMERICAN INDIANS SO MUCH BETTER BEHAVED THAN OUR OWN PRECIOUS DARLINGS?

Professor Leslie W. White of the University of Michigan spent a year among the Pueblo Indians of the Southwest trying to find the answer to that question.

He never doubted that they ARE better behaved. But what is the secret of such success? Why are these children obedient, respectful, yet happy and well-adjusted?

"These people are very fond of their children," says Prof. White. "The children feel secure and wanted. They are respected as real individuals, are never made to feel that they have been 'bad', and consequently never respond with 'spoiled' behavior."

"They are not sent away to school to prepare them for life," continues Prof. White. "They are introduced gradually, from the cradle up, to the daily occupations and the lore and ceremonies of the tribe," he says.

"The little girls learn to care for the babies, to cook, weave, make pottery. The boys learn to fish, hunt, and herd flocks."

All this sounds idyllic and beautiful. But we have so complicated our lives that teachers and parents, battling through the barbed-wire entanglements of television, radio, movies and hot-nods get confused and baffled themselves.

Having a clear-cut idea of what it is you want your children to learn is the all-important thing. This the Indian parents have without even having to think about it. It is simply their tradition.

Our task is much more difficult. But we have somehow got to clarify our aims and steer a straight course, or resign ourselves to a world more incredibly confused than is the present one.

Conciliator Chief At Temple April 19

Joseph Finnegan, the new chief of the U. S. Mediation and Conciliation Service will at 10 a.m. April 19 meet in the Labor Temple with any union people interested in matters connected with the service he heads.

This announcement has been made jointly by J. L. Childers, business representative, Building Trades Council; and Robert S. Ash, secretary, Central Labor Council.

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must be done under BTC conditions as stipulated in contracts now in effect with the AGC. The employer groups being notified include the Associated General Contractors, the Associated Home Builders of Greater East Bay, and the General Contractors and Builders Association.

SUPPORT FOR QUINN

Council delegates voted unanimously to authorize a financial contribution to aid in the election of John F. Quinn as Oakland city councilman from District 3.

Quinn is president of the Alameda County Central Labor Council.

WELFARE COUNCIL LOAN

The council also voted a \$50 loan to the Community Welfare Council to sponsor the publication of a Directory of Health, Welfare and Recreation Services in the Bay Area.

WEEKEND COMMITTEE

The special BTC weekend job-check committee reported Tuesday another drop in the number of work rule violations in this area. It was the second consecutive week that the committee had reported sharp decreases in observed violations since it began its checking operations a few weeks ago.

Typographical 36 Holds Referendum

A referendum election held by Oakland Typographical Local 36 on March 23 resulted as follows:

The proposal that a full time president be employed by the union was voted down by 300 to 169.

The proposal that the books be audited annually rather than semi-annually by a certified public accountant carried by 362 to 123.

The proposal that interest on any other type of earnings from the defense fund be credited to that fund rather than to the general fund failed to carry, since a four-fifths vote was needed, although the vote for it was 329 to 151.

"THE KNOWLAND APPROACH" to the Formosa problem "may lead to war unnecessarily," says Senator Fulbright. "It's a dangerous situation. I don't think he has a sound understanding of the facts of life in that area."

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Carpenters Auxiliary Enjoys Holder Event

By MARY NALL

Press Correspondent

Carpenters Ladies Auxiliary 160 Our pot luck dinner on the 11th was well attended. We surely had a variety of delicious food. The Day Party at Tress Flanigan's home was very well attended. Tress served delicious creamed chicken on hot rolls, and a fruit jello salad with cookies. Veronica Walsh won the door prize a nice butcher type apron. All you girls who could not be present at these parties, sure missed a lot.

Laura Osborne entertained the Sewing Circle. Some sewing was done and a lot of visiting. We missed all who could not come. Laura served apple cobbler with generous pieces of cheese and plenty of hot coffee. Eleanor Clapp reported on Mae Bristow. She had been to see her, she is doing fine and with her spirit and determination she will be up with us again soon. Vertie Newman has her husband home with her again. He is a little better. Nathalie and Al Stenling are the proud grandparents of a little new boy, Jeffery Paul Johnson.

Flo Bartalini is so much improved she is able to be out with us and do quite a few things. Bill and Bea Cameron had their son and family with them over the week end. Their little grand daughter is just like a big doll.

The Barney Holder night went off with flying colors. Thanks to Mr. Smith and his committee and to Aline Haake and her committee who saw to the refreshments. The 4 grandchildren gave us a cute instrumental quartet and Mrs. Tom Holder sang 2 numbers during the program. We all enjoyed that particularly Vivian Remlar, the Holder's older daughter, came home to be with her father that night.

Marie Lyon's brother passed away up in Oregon. Mary Nall's sister in Boise, Idaho, fell from a 15 foot ladder and fractured her right thumb and broke her left arm. She was in the hospital several days. Laura Osborne has gone to Fresno to spend the Easter vacation with her sister and her husband.

Remember to look for the Union label and the Union button on the clerks.

BERKELEY YOUNG DEMOS have adopted a resolution denouncing measures introduced in the Legislature providing that "any licensee who fails to answer under oath on any ground whatsoever" any question put to him by Federal or State Un-American Activities Committees shall lose his license.

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FEPC Group Issues Mobilization Call

The California Committee for Fair Employment Practices has issued a FEPC Mobilization Call to be held in Sacramento from April 16 through 18 in Native Sons Hall, 11th and J Streets.

Purpose of the mobilization call is:

- 1.—To bring together supporters of FEPC in California for an on-the-spot review of the progress of our bills in the legislature.
- 2.—To demonstrate the broad base of support for FEPC in California.
- 3.—To make it possible for State Senators and Assemblymen to discuss FEPC with constituents who are concerned.
- 4.—To train more Californians to give leadership in their communities to responsible community activity.
- 5.—To provide an opportunity for intensive education on how FEPC is working in other states; employment discrimination in California; provisions of the proposed FEPC law; legislative procedures; and legitimate methods open to citizens to influence legislation.

C. L. Dellums, International vice president of the AFL Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, is chairman of the FEPC Committee, C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, and John Despot Secretary of the State CIO Council are two of 6 co-chairmen of the committee sponsoring the call.

James left by plane from Oakland with his wife on Sunday to meet their son who is being discharged from the Army. The James family expects to make the trip back here by car after a month's vacation in the big city. The James' live in Oakland at 52 Fairmount Ave.

As going away gifts, James' fellow employees presented him with a wrist watch and a traveling bag.

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Plumbers 444 Elect Convention Delegates

I. B. Krause, president of Plumbers 444, and business representatives Ben H. Beynon and Ed Fisher were elected at the last meeting of their union as delegates to the California State Pipe Trades Convention scheduled to be held in Los Angeles from April 15 through 17.

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Movie Union Pact Talks Postponed

By JOE CONNELLY
Negotiations between the union and the employer representatives regarding the conventional type motion picture houses scheduled for March 24 were postponed at the request of the employer. Both sides were attempting to set a date for their mutual convenience some time this week.

(This is necessarily being written in advance—Monday March 28).

Due to this postponement, we are unable to carry a story on that subject.

Members are reminded that dues for the new quarter become due today, and delinquent April 10. Financial Secretary William B. Taylor hastens to explain that although today is April Fools' Day, he never kids about dues.

Meetings scheduled for April will fall on the 13th (2nd Wednesday); the 21st (3rd Thursday) and the 23rd (4th Saturday).

Up and down the aisle: To complete the Fox changes in managerial personnel in addition to those listed last week, we find popular, efficient former member Ray Davis moving to the U. C., where he will take up the reins dropped by Papan-dra, who has moved to the Globe in downtown Oakland.

What very popular manager is sporting a toupee these days?

He has one of Oakland's veteran doormen very envious and seriously considering a similar purchase.

Jack Barry of the Richmond Memorial Auditorium in to take a withdrawal.

Frank Arroyo, formerly of the T & D floor staff, likewise.

Former member Paul Heime now working at an East Oakland bar was a hold-up victim while on duty last week, losing \$60 of his own funds as well as \$2000 of the establishment's.

Members in Berkeley are reminded of the candidacy of Jeffery Cohelan of Milk Wagon Drivers Union for a seat on the city council.

Oakland members are reminded that John Quinn of Bartenders Local 52, and president of the Alameda County Central Labor Council has thrown his hat into the ring for a seat in the Oakland City Council race.

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Watchmakers Rap Discount Houses

By GEORGE F. ALLEN
We read with much interest the column in the East Bay Labor Journal—Friday, March 25 issue, relative to discount houses.

We are happy to see that additional officials connected with the labor movement are recognizing the great harm that this type of business can do, and is doing, to all businesses and wage earners.

In the opinion of this organization, it is not difficult to foresee that with the trend toward discount buying, the picture is very clear as to what will eventually happen to retail business should this trend grow.

All of our members do not receive the East Bay Labor Journal, therefore, I am quoting the last two paragraphs of the article referred to:

UNIONS WARNED
The fact that union employees of firms other than the discount houses are in danger of losing their jobs because of the mania for the discount houses ruining legitimate business was emphasized by some speakers.

Other speakers pointed out that "unions with offices right here in the Labor Temple" are boosting some of the discount houses, and contended that a firm denunciation of the discount houses should be sent to all unions, with a warning that they might encounter many kinds of unforeseen consequences if they persisted in cooperating with these outfits.

UNIONIST INJURED
We were very sorry to hear that John Crittenden, watchmaker employed by Frank Scholes of San Jose, had been in a very serious automobile accident on March 20.

Brother Crittenden is in Kings City Hospital and as yet it is not known when he will be able to return home.

The members of this organization I am sure join me in wishing Bro. Crittenden, a very speedy recovery.

BOWLING TEAM
Our bowling team this year participated in the Downtown 800 Handicap League, with the season finishing a week ago.

Although the team did not do as well this year as it has in the past, our team was not on the bottom of the league.

Where were we? Don't get nosy, bub!

The only thing we can brag about is that the winnings of the team were sufficient to enable us to take our wives to a dinner-dance at the Italian Village.

SAN JOSE MEMBERS ATTENTION: There will be no regular meeting in San Jose on Tuesday, April 5, due to the SPECIAL MEETING that was held on March 31 regarding the new agreements.

IAM Auxiliary Corrects Error in a Death Story

Olive Harvey, press correspondent, Machinists Auxiliary No. 97, regrets that in her column in the March 25 East Bay Labor Journal she reported mistakenly the death of Mary Rose. It was Mary Jones of Rodeo who passed away.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!



Retail Clerks 870

This is to advise the membership of Local 870 that starting this month (April) our new regular meeting dates and places will be as follows:

First regular meeting of the month will be held on the 2nd Tuesday (April 12) at 8:30 p.m. at the new Southern Alameda County Labor Temple located in Hayward at the intersection of Mattox Road and East 14th Street, next to the Coca Cola plant.

Our second regular monthly meeting will be held on the 4th Tuesday (April 26) in Hall A of the Oakland Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, at 8:30 p.m.

Fraternalty yours,
HARRIS C. WILKIN,
Secretary-Treasurer

Cemetery Workers and Green Attendants Union No. 322

The April membership meeting of Local 322 is set for: Wednesday, April 6, 1955, 8 p.m., Labor Temple, Hall B.

As always, this is an important meeting. Plan to attend. Cordially and Fraternalty,
EDWARD REITH,
Business Representative

Cement Masons 594

The next meeting of this local is scheduled for Thursday, April 7, 1955, in the Labor Temple at 2315 Valdez St., at 8 p.m. The special order of business at this meeting is for the membership to vote on proposed changes to the union's constitution.

Fraternalty yours,
BRUCE DILLASHAW,
Secretary

Hayward Culinary Workers & Bartenders 823

Our next meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, will be held at 9 a.m. at Local 823 headquarters.

Fraternalty yours,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

Clerks & Lumber Handlers 939

All meetings of this Local for the months of March, April, May, and June, 1955, will be special meetings for the purpose of discussing working conditions.

These meetings will be held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month, in Hall H, third floor, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez street, Oakland. All members are respectfully requested to attend these meetings.

Fraternalty yours,
A. R. ESTES,
Recording Secretary

Painters 127

All members of the above local are hereby notified that a special meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14, 1955, in the regular meeting hall, 2315 Valdez Street. Purpose of this special meeting will be to act upon the renewal of our local Death Benefit Plan. We have been notified of an increase in cost of premium and our executive board has been acting for some time on this matter. A choice of plans will be offered and as an increase in cost is involved all members are urged to attend this meeting.

Any other special business to come before the meeting will also be acted upon.

Fraternalty yours,
FLOYD PEASLEE,
Recording Secretary

Hayward Painters 1178

Advising you of the next regular meeting of Local 1178 to get under way at 8 P.M., Friday April 1st. While the last few meetings have been of short duration, there has been nothing omitted whatever. Everything discussed was to the point without any elaboration. You will enjoy them.

Fraternalty yours,
ROBERT C. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

Printers Auxiliary 26 Celebrate Anniversary

By Muriel J. Pfaffenberger
Press Correspondent

The 45th anniversary of W. A. 26, which was held on March 16, 1955, at the Cottage Dining Room in San Leandro, was a grand success in every way.

There were 30 members in attendance including our one remaining charter member, Mrs. Mabel Patterson, who did the honors of cutting our birthday cake. The decorations were beautiful thanks to Elizabeth Fee.

The weather man even did his part, with a beautiful day.

Here's hoping we have a full year of good items ahead for all of us and that more members come to the meetings to help us in our forthcoming activities; we need you all.

We were happy to welcome two new members, who were obligated at our March 3 business meeting at Mary Farley's.

We hope to see Mrs. Cora Roth and Mrs. Agnes Harris with us as often as possible.

Our next meeting has been changed from Mrs. Patterson's to Mrs. Elizabeth Fee's home, 2249 Oregon Street, Berkeley 5. Phone THornwall 5-3972, April 7 to commence at 10:30 followed with luncheon at 12 noon.

Come out, and help us start the new officers out with a bang.

President Freda Cripps, Vice President, Muriel Pfaffenberger; Secretary, Mary Farley; Treasurer, Elizabeth Fee; Press Correspondent, yours truly; Guide, Minerva Feeney; Chaplain, Bessie Golden. Executive Committee: Ada Bean, Evelyn Wolters and Alma Strong.

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Painters 127 See Progress on Pact

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

Negotiations on the renewal of our agreement still going on with meetings of the negotiators, sub-committees, etc., being held almost constantly. A great deal of progress can be reported, but at this time we are not in a position to make any concrete statements. As reported in this column last week all publicity will be released by the negotiators at the proper time. If and when information is cut loose by the committee we will report it immediately in this column.

Our preventive medicine program slowing down due to applicants falling off. As the 30-day trial period is drawing to a close we ask all the dependents who contemplate taking advantage of this program to contact the office as soon as possible.

Work holding about even at present with not too many of the brothers unemployed. As usual at this time of year a good many short jobs coming and going keeps a few of the brothers in the hall.

At the last meeting of the local Brothers Rutledge and Boughton were elected to represent the local at the 19th annual convention of the California State Conference of Painters to be held in San Francisco April 15, 16 and 17.

Next meeting April 14.

Sheet Metal Official Visits Local Unions

C. C. Artman, international representative, Sheet Metal Workers International Association, was in Oakland visiting offices of the local unions affiliated with that organization.

In company with Lloyd Child, financial secretary, Sheet Metal Workers 216, Brother Artman visited East Bay Labor Journal. He was formerly an officer of a Los Angeles local. He occupies the position formerly held by J. Earl Cook, who retired some time ago.

OAKLAND EMPLOYERS should encourage and assist their employees to become active reservists for national defense, the Oakland Chamber of Commerce directors have declared.

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Steamfitters Open LLPE Fund Drive

By JIM MARTIN

General President Martin P. Durkin has advised us that the 1955 voluntary contribution drive for Labor's League for Political Education is to be launched nationally among our local unions beginning April 1, 1955.

This fund raising program is now conducted on an annual basis, in order that we may be assured of having a adequate funds on hand to begin sponsoring candidates who are friendly to labor.

The funds collected in this drive are used only in congressional and senatorial campaigns and 50% of this is automatically returned to the state where collected and the remainder is used in vital campaigns throughout the country.

We urge all members of Local 342 to join Labor's League for Political Education and you may do so now by making a voluntary one dollar contribution. Tickets are available at our business office.

NEGOTIATIONS
Our Negotiating Committee held its first meeting recently. Various working agreements are now being opened for negotiations. The Negotiating Committee will meet again on April 19 at 8 p.m. in our business office. Any member, who may have suggestions which they would like to have presented to the contractors may appear before our committee.

SICK LIST
Brothers Bill Biddle and Frank Nicholls are getting along fine. They are still in the hospital but are not allowed to have visitors as yet. Brother Ray Jeter has returned home from the hospital and is getting along fine.

SPECIAL CALL
Our next meeting on April 7, 1955 will be a Special Called meeting for the purpose of hearing the reports of your delegates to the AFL Building Trades Conference held recently in Washington, D. C.

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OPINIONS

WILLIAM J. FOLEY ON PG&E VS. TVA

Editor, Labor Journal:

Noting your editorial in reference to the so-called Feather River giveaway, and your quotes as to same, I thought I would enclose a page from the PG&E News, in view of the fact that I know you have no research department.

I thought it would be a good idea if we gave the PG&E credit for something: high wages, high taxes, and rates that compare with the TVA that pays no taxes, nor do they pay as high wages as the PG&E.

Free enterprise made this country what it is today, and I for one will not repudiate it, in favor of Pie in the Sky philosophies.

I am fraternally,

WM. J. FOLEY

P. S. This is my own opinion. I speak only for myself.

EDITOR'S COMMENT:

1—"Free enterprise" was subsidized in this country with enormous amounts of giveaway land, such as the Southern Pacific got; with high tariffs which looted the American consumer; and with many other subsidies, many of which the Eisenhower Administration is continuing and expanding.

2—"The average price in mills per kilowatt of power in the United States rises steadily the farther the area from one or the other of the two great public power centers of the U. S., TVA and the Pacific Northwest. In the Pacific Northwest the rate is 3.5 mills per kilowatt; in the zone just south of that it's 5.8, and so on southward till it reaches a high of 9.9 mills per kilowatt. The rate at TVA is 4.9 mills per kilowatt, and it rises steadily the farther north you get away from TVA till it reaches 15.5 mills per kilowatt at the northern border of the U. S. The reason is that Pacific Northwest and TVA are measuring sticks, and the closer the private utilities are to those measuring sticks the less they tend to charge high rates.

3—"As for the often repeated statement that 'TVA pays no taxes,' the conservative New York Times commented in an editorial published on the last day of 1954:

"Critics of TVA speak on the authority as though it were operating wholly at the expense of the Federal taxpayer. This is not the case. Last year TVA earned 3 1/4 net profit on its power installations. Over the whole period of its existence it has averaged 4% annually. By law it is now required to pay back into the Federal Treasury within forty years the total cost of all its power installations. It has actually paid back \$101,000,000—\$20,000,000 during the past year. In addition, TVA has paid about 5% of its power sales revenue, exclusive of those from Federal agencies, in lieu of taxes. Proponents and opponents of TVA may argue about these payments until the cows come home. But TVA is not getting a free ride."

4—"As for wages paid in TVA territory and by the PG&E, it is a fact well known that the general run of wages in that area is lower than out here. But TVA by supplying cheap power for industry is building up an economic structure which is pushing wages upward in that part of the country.

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EDITORIALS

Berkeley's Election Tuesday Is Very Important to Labor

The Berkeley election this coming Tuesday, April 5, is of great importance.

Every member of a labor family who is a registered voter in that city will, we hope, go to the polls that day.

On the front page of this issue of East Bay Labor Journal there is a list of the candidates recommended for Mayor, City Council, and Board of Education by the Alameda County Voters League-AFL. As we have said many times before, the directors of the AFL Voters League who screened all candidates, and the delegates to the League convention who adopted the recommendations, are simply making recommendations. There is no desire to coerce labor union members.

But these recommendations were carefully considered, and adopted only after that careful consideration. So we have taken the liberty of suggesting, above the list of AFL-recommended Berkeley candidates, that voters take the recommendations with them to the polls.

Mayor Laurence Cross is well known to most labor people in this entire area. During his two terms in office he has stood up firmly for the rights of the people. Jeffery Cohelan, one of the three candidates for the City Council recommended by the AFL Voters League, is so well known to labor people here that it is unnecessary to dwell upon the many things that have built up the esteem that is felt for him.

The other candidates are people of good will and intelligence. If elected, they will of course not serve labor alone, but the Berkeley community as a whole. We are sure that labor will be proud of the service to that community they will give.

Labor and the Discount Houses

In last week's issue of East Bay Labor Journal we published a very full account of the discussion at the Central Labor Council meeting of March 21 of the relations between discount houses and the labor movement.

Two points that came up repeatedly in that discussion merit stressing.

One is that any labor leader who functions as an enthusiastic salesman for any type of commodity or service puts himself under suspicion of doing so in return for some form of money reward.

The other is that the method of operation of some of these discount houses opens a wide door for racketeers to enter and take over the operation.

If AFL President George Meany's picture began appearing in big advertisements along with the announcement that he favored some particular brand of cigarette, most labor people would assume that he had demeaned his high office in return for money. There is certainly no danger of George Meany doing such a thing. But some labor leaders forget that, although their rank is not as high as that of George Meany, the standard of integrity, and of refraining from any activity which could in the slightest way cast suspicion on that integrity, should be just as high in their case as in that of President Meany.

Good men and very conscientious men have in this area done some pretty vigorous boosting of discount houses with very good intentions; they simply wanted their members to profit by what they considered bargains. In fact, we hope that the motives of all who have gone in for such boosting of discount houses to their memberships have been clean and good.

But now that Al Silva and Bob Ash have ripped the lid off some of the things that are going on in connection with the discount house business, and the slanders that are being circulated with no basis whatever, it is high time all local labor union officers who value their reputations should avoid any connection, or the continuation of any connection, with these outfits. If Ash, who has never had anything to do with them, and who had in fact as far back as last November exposed the sort of thing that was implicit in the operations of some of them,—if Ash could be made the subject of slanders, how about those labor union officials who are actually pressing the claims of the discount houses on their members?

Before mobsters move in, why shouldn't all honest labor people get out while the going is good?

Bevanism, Symptom of Readjustment

The dispute over Aneurin Bevan in the British Labor Party is not merely the result of a struggle by Bevan to either wrest the leadership from Clement Attlee or to be accepted as the heir apparent to that leadership. It is also a symptom of the trouble the British Labor Party is having reshaping its philosophy to fit new conditions faced not only by Great Britain but by all of us.

Nationalization of basic industry and welfare services achieved through the state which the unions had not been able to gain through collective bargaining was roughly the political philosophy of the British Labor Party in the days of its rise to power. Some watered-down Marxism, a good deal of evangelical Christianity, Thoreau's attitude of defiance toward excessive power of government over the individual, ardent pacifism, and a set of trade union practices constituted the intellectual baggage of the party in the old days.

Now, with Great Britain no longer the head of an empire, but one nation among many constituting a loose federation called the Commonwealth, with British World leadership in industrial and commercial process gone, nationalization not having worked out quite as intended, and the H-bomb hovering over the little island kingdom, the brains trust of the British Labor Party has to do a lot of rethinking. Bevanism, which should by no means be identified with Russian Communism, is one of the stages in this process.

We of labor need to do a lot of rethinking in the United States also. In fact, some of us need simply to begin to do some thinking, and get around later to the rethinking!

SENATOR NEELY (D., W. Va.) says rightly that Ike "just doesn't know what it's all about. He's just like Alice in Wonderland."



What Defense for This One?

UNEMPLOYMENT MENACE—Labor's research directors, men who are paid to help working people keep track of trends and gauge the future, had a meeting the other day. The big item in their thinking these days is unemployment, present and future.

Out of the maze of statistics that they pore over at their desks have come two worrisome figures:

1—A five percent rise in industrial production over the past year.

2—A four percent drop in the number of jobs in manufacturing industries over the same period.

In other words, industry is now turning out five percent more production with four percent fewer employees than it did a year ago.

In the long run, of course, the research people think this technological progress will be a great blessing. It will only be a blessing, however, if the people benefit from it. And, when technical improvements mean only unemployment for more people, nobody benefits. It's no progress at all.—The Machinist

Weather News: Prices Steady, Wages Rising, Storm Cloud of Unemployment L. A. Conclave Call

The average weekly take-home pay of factory workers rose to a record high in February while their living costs held steady, the Government reports.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics said the average take-home pay for a manufacturing worker with three dependents was \$69.17 a week in February, up 75 cents over a month earlier. Living costs, said the BLS, were unchanged for the third straight month.

Labor people armed with pencils were able to discover that assuming a 40-hour week the average hourly pay was slightly less than \$1.73 an hour. The fact that living costs have been standing still for a while was commented on by Sylvia Porter in the March 15 issue of Labor's Daily. She said in part:

"Prices are continuing to move in virtually a straight line... Simultaneously, incomes are moving to all-time highs... There's just no doubt that wages and salaries will hit new peaks as the year rolls on... The weak factor in the picture unquestionably is the total of unemployed. The dangerous, potentially explosive factor is the likelihood that joblessness will go higher."

In that same month of February when prices held steady, the Labor and Commerce Departments reported that total U. S. employment slipped below 60 million for the second time in nearly three years. Right here in the Bay Area the average weekly number of workers filing applications in February for jobless pay was 32,600.

Marriner Eccles, former chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, testifying March 10 before the Fulbright Committee studying the stock market, said that while the gross national production for this year is estimated to be equal to that of "the good year" of 1953, it should be from \$15 to \$20 billions more, for safety's sake, due to growth in the labor force in production facilities, and productivity per worker. There is too much unemployment and too much unused production capacity, said Eccles.

At the time Eccles spoke unemployment for February had been reported by the BLS to be 3,383,000. So while prices were at a standstill and wages rising clouds were observed hanging over the future warning labor strategists to beware of letting prosperity for the employed make them forget the menace of unemployment, and the plight of those already jobless.

Among local union officers expected to take part in the conference are William E. Chesney and Henry Simpson of Bakery Workers 125; and Harry Duggan of Confectionery Workers 119-C.

The show features Byron Palmer and Joan Weldon and can be seen every Thursday night that they were told to wear civilian clothes while doing so at 7 p.m.

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'At Capwell's Ask For Union Clerk; If None, Go Away!'

(Continued from Page 1)

Clerk". Why not join today—it's the one sure way to better wages and better conditions."

"NOT A STRIKE"

Russ Mathiesen, secretary of the union, when asked about the campaign at Capwell's, said: "This is not a strike. It is simply an appeal to the buying public to ask for union clerks to serve them. If any shopper is unable to get a union clerk in some department of Capwell's, it should be remembered that there are numerous stores with union clerks nearby."

The organizing committee will not be handing out leaflets every day of the week, but will do so some days each week.

Store Clerks Seek Election at Wards

Representatives of Department & Specialty Store Employees 1265 are preparing for an appearance before the National Labor Relations Board in San Francisco on Friday, April 8, at a formal hearing to determine the unit and eligibility of employee-voters at the Montgomery Ward store in Oakland.

The union will request the NLRB to order a unit election at the plant, it was announced here by Russ Mathiesen, Local 1265 secretary. About 300 employees are involved in the unit.

Mathiesen added that there is a "probability" that an informal meeting between representatives of the union, company and NLRB will be held sometime this week for the purpose of arriving at a "consent election" agreement. If such an agreement is reached, he said, it will automatically do away with the necessity of the scheduled formal hearing with the NLRB.

Supervisors Raise Pay For Visiting Nurses

Visiting nurses for the indigent sick in this county will have their rates of pay raised from \$3.25 to \$3.40 per visit as a result of official action taken by the Alameda County supervisors last week.

The new rate will go into effect on April 24 and will hold until the end of the fiscal year on June 30. At the start of the new fiscal period of 1955-56 the board will reconsider further increases.

Action by the board followed a meeting with representatives of the Berkeley and Oakland Visiting Nurses Association at which the board was informed that the associations could not break even for the remainder of the fiscal year unless a raise was granted.

It Was Westinghouse Not Western: Groulx

Dick Groulx, business representative of Office Employees 29, wants it understood that it was the Westinghouse Electric Supply Company of Oakland with which his union signed a 1-year wage raise agreement last week.

East Bay Labor Journal last week inadvertently called the firm the Western Electric Company.

POLITICAL NOTES

JEFFERY COHELAN, candidate for the City Council in the Berkeley election next Tuesday, April 5, has been commended to the voters by T. K. Cleveland, president of the Berkeley Welfare Commission, on which Cohelan has served for some years. Cleveland says that Cohelan has shown "a broad understanding of matters of vital interest to the citizens of Berkeley." Cohelan's work on the Welfare Commission has also won him the support of two other of its members, Mrs. Scott Haymond, prominent California church women's leader, and Dean Milton Chernin, of the School of Social Welfare, University of California.

HENRY JACKSON of Berkeley, well known literary critic, reviewed the City Council race and announced his support for Jeffery Cohelan. Cohelan, AFL union executive, has a long record of community service in Berkeley, having served also on the Tax Commission and the United Crusade and American Red Cross Boards of Directors.

EARL N. BYERS, Oakland City Council candidate, has established headquarters at 723 Wood street. Claude Allen is in charge of the headquarters and is meeting weekly with members of Mr. Byers' steering committee.

JOHN W. HOLMADALE, candidate for the Oakland City Council, District No. 7, today announced the official sponsors of his candidacy. They are:

Francis Dunn, Jr., Joseph E. Smith, Robert L. Osborne, Claude O. Allen, Joe W. Chaudet, J. Lamar Childers, Margaret M. Clausen, Manuel Dias, Leonard J. Dieden, Sam B. Goodman, Martin Huff, John J. King, Reverend L. Sylvester Odom, Sam M. Pratt, Guilford L. Seaver, Bernard A. Sheridan, and George E. Strong.

MRS. SUSAN SELVIN, candidate for school director, full six-year term, is completing her intensive campaign this week-end as she addresses the last of 41 scheduled neighborhood gatherings, city-wide assemblies and organization meetings prior to the Berkeley municipal elections April 5.

PETER M. TRIPP, candidate for Oakland City Council, says that if elected "I propose to sample a cross-section of the Oakland people via the questionnaire method on all imperative matters affecting their welfare."

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